

Quarrel Not With School System, Declares Reeve

"Matsqui council has no quarrel with the Educational System, it is, in fact, entirely in favor of it," declared Reeve Geo. Cruickshank in speaking at a meeting of Ward Four Ratepayers' Association in Matsqui Hall on Saturday night. "But," the reeve said, "the municipality must base its tax rate on 34c-a-pound butterfat."

He declared that the council would hold a plebiscite in Matsqui on the school question because it believes in fulfilling a pledge, even though it was not the council's pledge, and the people had been promised an opportunity to express their opinion at the end of a three-year experimental period.

Reeve Cruickshank spoke briefly following an address by A. S. Towell, director of education for the M.S.A. Area, challenging a number of the latter's statements in a series of rapid-fire declarations in one of which he contended Matsqui would pay 65% of the cost of a \$6000 4-room addition to Whatecom road school in Sumas. Mr. Towell had explained the building was being erected through Sumas co-operation at a cost of but \$600 to the area. Matsqui, Mr. Towell reiterated, would pay 65% of the \$600 and there would also be the Area's share, \$2100, of wiring the addition and installing modern heating for the new and old structure. Sumas, Reeve Cruickshank declared, would not get the money it was depending on.

SEES "A WAY OUT"

"If you continue as you are," stated the reeve, "your municipality cannot last one year. I will tell you at a later meeting about the one way out next year."

You have got taxation but not representation, said Reeve Cruickshank. Admitting Mr. Towell's statement that they consulted together, held no personal prejudices, but did not agree on many points, the reeve declared the director "is a government employee and must do what he is told." Earlier he declared that he did not think anyone represented Abbotsford but that "I am elected to represent Matsqui." He declared when in Victoria recently, he took Reeve A. D. Paterson of Delta, as a man of influence, to help him urge on the Premier the need of altering the Education Act.

Contending that Matsqui was paying Abbotsford and Sumas costs, the reeve said there was no logic in statements that there was an increase of but four pupils in Area "C" (Abbotsford, Huntingdon, Twp. 20) and Sumas, and yet it was necessary to erect a 4-room school in Sumas. He contended the statement that the 1935-38 deficit was not being paid by local taxpayers, exhibiting the item on estimate forms.

LOWERS LAND VALUES

The speaker complained he could not find what amount Abbotsford was paying and declared that the area was an instance of the "tail wagging the dog." He also contended that the fact that Matsqui bore 65% of the cost was depreciating the value of Matsqui land and increasing the value of Sumas property. "Area C, comprising (Continued on Page Eight)

YOUTHS CHARGED IN COOPER CASE APPEAR MONDAY

An alleged confession, said to have been made by the eldest of two juveniles held by provincial police, may offer much light on the killing of R. A. Cooper, veteran storekeeper and postmaster of Clayburn on the morning of Nov. 8. The confession was introduced as evidence at the adjourned inquest held at Mission yesterday when a coroner's jury brought in a verdict that Cooper came to his death from the effects of a gunshot wound by persons unknown. The jury recommended that the written document should be further inquired into. Dr. E. J. Eacrett was in charge while provincial police officials included Inspector Forbes Cruickshank, Sgt. Frank W. Gallagher, Constable H. Parker of Matsqui and Corporal Renner of Mission.

The two youths together with an elderly Chinese named King Fong have been charged with the murder of Cooper and have been remanded several times. It is likely that the boys' case will come up for hearing in the Matsqui police court at Mt. Lehman Monday and the King Fong case later in the week. Eric T. Weir, J.P., has received appointment under the Juvenile Protection Act to conduct the former hearing which, police state, will be closed to the public as the accused are of juvenile age.

VALLEY TRADE BOARDS MEETING IN ABBOTSFORD

Quarterly session of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland is in progress today in the High School Auditorium, Abbotsford. Delegates were welcomed at the opening this forenoon by J. S. Daly, president of Abbotsford & District Board of Trade, who outlined the local program of entertainment as well as some of the local problems.

Prior to the luncheon scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, it is proposed to conduct the visitors present from all parts of the Fraser Valley as well as Vancouver and New Westminster, over the plants of the Clayburn Company at Kilgard and Pacific Milk at Delair. Tom Reid, M.P., is the luncheon speaker. The afternoon session will be taken up largely with resolutions submitted by member boards. L. H. Eyres, M.L.A., and H. J. Barber, M.P., of Chilliwack, are also on the agenda to speak.

W. S. Hill-Tout Not Candidate For Reeveship

LITTLE INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN APPROACHING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Candidates for municipal honors in the M.S.A. Area, if there are any offering their services, appear to be withholding public announcement until Nomination Day on Monday, Dec. 11.

W. S. Hill-Tout, a former Matsqui councillor, announced at a Ward 2 Ratepayers' Association meeting at Dennison on Monday night that he would not be a candidate for the reeveship of Matsqui. Mr. Hill-Tout had been offered the support of the "Federated Taxpayers' Association" of Matsqui if he would stand. He informed THE NEWS on Tuesday that on consideration of the matter he had decided that he could not give the position, if elected, the time probably necessary. Two other names which have been mentioned frequently are those of J. P. Carr and Dan Nicholson, both of Mt. Lehman.

Election interest appears entirely dormant in Sumas municipality. Clarence Nelson, a candidate for the reeveship in previous years, has stated to THE NEWS that he is not offering himself this year. It is believed that Reeve Alex Houghton and all members of the council will accept nomination.

W. W. Coutts is the member of the Abbotsford Board of Commissioners whose term expires this year. No other candidates have appeared in the running for the three-year term. A meeting of the commissioners will probably be held Friday night when the letter from the Education Office re the department's leaving plebiscites as a matter of local privilege will likely be discussed. It is not certain that Chairman J. Gilmore, who has been in hospital in Vancouver, will be well enough to attend.

ABBOTSFORD STORES ASSIST "LAST-MINUTE" CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

In order to assist Christmas shoppers complete their gift selections and make their last-minute purchases, Abbotsford merchants will remain open Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 20, until 5:30 p.m., and also on the three evenings, preceding Christmas Sunday. On both Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 21 and 22, Abbotsford stores will remain open until 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Christmas Day, and Tuesday, Dec. 26, Boxing Day, the stores will be closed, but they will remain open all day Wednesday, Dec. 27. These arrangements were made at the supper meeting of Abbotsford businessmen held in Trinity church hall last night.

Educational Area Has Proved Workable and Economical, States Board

Members of the Advisory Board of the M.S.A. Educational Area met Wednesday night, Nov. 29, in a lengthy session at which details of current operation of the schools were handled and the estimates of costs for 1940 were also considered item by item and passed without dissenting vote. A letter from Superintendent of Education stating the holding of plebiscites in the Area was the privilege of the respective municipalities was read. In view of the fact that such plebiscites might be submitted and the voters might also wish to know the considered opinion of the Advisory Board in forming their own expression, the following resolution, which THE NEWS was requested to publish, was written and endorsed unanimously by the members whose names are appended:

"The members of the Advisory Board of the M.S.A. School Area wish to convey to the ratepayers of the district their satisfaction and confidence in the present system of school management. It began as an experiment, and the demonstration has proved it is both economical and workable.

"Problems of assessment, taxation and finances have yet to be smoothed out, but this can be done by the authorities in the Area without causing any disruption.

"The members of the Board are all experienced School Trustees, and in our opinion the children are now receiving a better education than under the old separate system.

"Any break in the system as a whole is bound to increase costs and taxes and will be less advantageous for the children."

A. N. S. Beaton, J. Carmichael, J. P. Carr, Matsqui; P. H. Dawson, Harry D. Day, J. W. Winson, Sumas; Mrs. Hannah Fraser, G. F. Pratt, C. Walker, Abbotsford.

Director Gives Details of 1940 School Estimates

Director A. S. Towell of the M.S.A. Educational Area went over the 1940 school estimates with a meeting of Matsqui Ward Four Ratepayers' Association held at Matsqui Hall on Saturday night. The estimates, as passed by the Advisory Board, had previously been submitted to the municipal councils and Victoria. THE NEWS has asked Mr. Towell to provide a review of the estimates and pertinent facts for the benefit of its readers throughout the three districts, and this statement follows:

"During the past two or three weeks I have addressed the Board of Trade and other groups on school affairs in the M.S.A. Area. On those occasions my main object was to explain what has been done during the past four years and to correct some false ideas that seem to be widely held. The points I chiefly stressed were these:

"1.—Educational costs per pupil to the local taxpayer have been greatly reduced. They are now far below those of the years 1929-32; and, indeed, are even below the average of the worst depression years, 1932-35.

"2.—Notwithstanding this reduction in costs, there have been very great improvements in school buildings and equipment, and in educational services and facilities.

"3.—Owing to the recent influx of between four and five hundred new pupils, the total cost of education has increased very considerably this year. It should not be hard to see that, even though we greatly reduce the per pupil cost, the total cost is bound to go up if we have to provide for several hundreds of new pupils.

"4.—All these new pupils came to Matsqui; therefore, the whole of the additional cost fell on the shoulders of the Matsqui ratepayers.

"5.—No part of the cost of health services is paid out of local taxation.

"6.—Local taxpayers have not (Continued on Page Five)

Bursting Tire Causes Fatal Auto Crash

CLEARBROOK CURVE CLAIMS LIFE OF ANOTHER DRIVER

When a rear tire on the coupe which he was driving en route home burst, Vincent Dod of Bellingham sustained injuries late Saturday night which resulted in his death Monday evening in M. S.A. General Hospital. His wife and brother, passengers in the car were also hurt, the former sustaining lacerations about the face and the latter a gash over one eye. Dr. E. J. Eacrett, coroner, of Mission viewed the body at Henerson's Funeral Home on Tuesday morning and it was released for burial at Bellingham. Dr. Eacrett decided an inquest was not necessary, but is conducting a formal enquiry this morning.

Clearbrook curve, on the trans-Canada highway two miles west of Abbotsford, scene of numerous auto accidents in the past two years and of another fatal crash last summer, was the location of the accident. Dod suffered a fractured pelvis and other injuries which made it impossible for him (Continued on Page Four)

Matsqui Ratepayers Hear Director of School Area

"I am in hearty agreement with your reeve, the Education Act should be amended. I do not believe the costs are fairly divided." This statement was made by A. S. Towell, director of education for the M.S.A. Area, during a question period following his address Saturday to Matsqui Ward Four Ratepayers' Association. The matter was, however, he pointed out to an audience of 50 including the members of Matsqui council, beyond his control and one the ratepayers should take up with the proper authorities. "Your school bill," the director also told his Matsqui audience, "is exactly in proportion to the number of pupils Matsqui sends to the schools. This may not be a fair way to divide the cost of education. I think personally it is not, because to count pupils is no way to state ability to pay."

ABBOTSFORD BUSINESSMEN TO ORGANIZE

Decision to organize Abbotsford Businessmen's Association on a permanent basis was reached at a supper meeting held in Trinity Church hall on Tuesday night. There were 22 representative men present. W. Pottage and R. Fletcher, committee in charge of arrangements for the meeting—one of the informal sessions held during the past year—were named provisional president and secretary, respectively, and empowered to arrange for an organization meeting next month. Discussions related principally to ways and means of improving local services and facilities for the public and making the business section of town more attractive, particularly during the festive season now at hand. Several committees were appointed to give effect to the plans formulated. Mr. Pottage presided and the meeting was carried through with despatch following a tasty meal prepared by ladies of Trinity United Church.

"Major Bones" Concert Is Big Success

"Major Bones Night", first appeal of B.P.O. Elks for their Christmas Cheer Fund, in Philip Sheffield auditorium, Abbotsford, on Monday night, drew between 700 and 800 people from all parts of the Fraser Valley to witness dancing, singing, reciting, instrumental and novelty numbers of amateurs and guest performers.

The show was "stolen" by guest artists of Chilliwack, the Sather sisters, singing; and Gleig Boys, comedy, dancing, singing, tumbling. Miss Janet Golos, Abbotsford, played a guest solo at the piano. "Major Bones" was Mr. "Bill" W. J. Lilly of Harrison Bay.

Amateur winners were: Grand prize in open competition, Jim Wilson, Chilliwack, acrobatic dance; singing, Marcus Halloway, Aldergrove; dancing, Norma Ford, Chilliwack; musical, Ivan and Benny Biro, Abbotsford. Junior Class—singing: 1st, Abbotsford school choir; 2nd, Peggy Fishlock, Huntingdon; 3rd, B. Berg, Kilgard. Dancing: 1st, Fay Lobban, Abbotsford; 2nd, Shirley Baldwin, Kilgard; 3rd, Betty-Jean Roberts, Abbotsford.

Winners of the draw for two table lamps were James Kerr, Abbotsford; and Wm. Sayce of Huntingdon.

Red Cross drive in New Westminster raised \$5000 above quota.

Later he spoke in rebuttal of some of the statements made by Reeve George Cruickshank who was also invited to address the meeting.

Mr. Towell first summarized the address he had given before Abbotsford & District Board of Trade (published in full in Nov. 25 issue of THE NEWS). He then dealt with the 1940 estimates—elsewhere reported in this issue—and answered questions from the audience. He pointed to the improvements in the schools, asking his audience to recollect and contrast the former condition of the buildings with the present schools, grounds and equipment. The cost had been considerable, but had fallen lightly (Continued on Page Eight)

EFFECTIVE

The educational experiment attempted by the government in 1935 when it came to the rescue of the school system in Matsqui had worked out as hoped. Mr. Towell stated: It had effected greater efficiency and economy. He pointed to the improvements in the schools, asking his audience to recollect and contrast the former condition of the buildings with the present schools, grounds and equipment. The cost had been considerable, but had fallen lightly (Continued on Page Eight)

FIRE DESTROYS DELAIR RD. HOME AND ALL CONTENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henney, who retired here 18 months ago from Michel, B.C., lost their home and its entire contents by fire on Wednesday evening. The former Gentleman place on the Delair road, the bungalow was a mass of flames before the fire was discovered by neighbors and those first on the scene as well as the Abbotsford Volunteer Fire Brigade, which responded to the alarm, were unable even to attempt salvage of the furniture. The loss is estimated at \$2500 and is partially offset by insurance. Children of Mr. and Mrs. T. DeLair were among the first to notice the fire, first thought to be only a chimney fire. Police were called by Mrs. C. Forrest of the Brooks Auto Camp also one of the first to see it. Mr. and Mrs. Henney were visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Constable Jack Bleazard and Mrs. Bleazard in Abbotsford at the time. Mr. Henney believes a fire which he had laid in a heater in preparation for their return in the late evening must have kindled from hot ashes and the stove became overheated when unattended. Their loss includes family articles brought from the Old Country years ago.

EXTRA DAY AT CHRISTMAS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

A Christmas holiday of 18 days duration awaits 1800 school children this year.

A. S. Towell, director of education for the M.S.A. Educational Area, announces that elementary and high schools in the Area will close on Friday, Dec. 15, and open on Wednesday, Jan. 3. This information was contained in a letter received by Mr. Towell from Dr. S. J. Willis, superintendent of education, Victoria.

Actually this represents one extra day's holiday this year and enables teachers and others to spend New Year's Day at their own homes.

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*A History of Abbotsford Village
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The first prescribed unit in the course of studies for Grade Seven is the study of the geography and history of our own community. Naturally, the geography of our district is not difficult to study, but the history is vague and indefinite because we have had no text books to refer to and all of our information has been gleaned by interviewing the "old-timers" of the district and obtaining from them the information that they could remember. We don't believe we have seen them all by any means and, no doubt, we may have some mistakes in what we have prepared, but this will be a start. If any of the other "old-timers" who read this epistle would care to contribute facts, figures and old pictures, we would certainly welcome them and eventually we might be able to assemble a complete chronological history of events as a permanent record which will be kept on file at all times in the Abbotsford Elementary School.

NATURAL MEETING PLACE

Where does the history of Abbotsford begin? In early days it may have been a natural meeting place for the early Indian tribes making their way from prairie to prairie. Evidence in the form of relics unearthed from Indian graves in both Sumas and Matsqui municipalities offer ample proof of their homes in this vicinity. Certainly the Old Yale Road running east to the Cariboo was intersected at this point by the road running south to the International Boundary at Sumas, and so we have a point of focus, a meeting-place—at least, as in many cases, the very germ which later sprouts and blossoms forth into a great city. And who of us can say that Abbotsford, strategically located as it is in the very heart of the Fraser Valley, may not grow to be just such a city.

HONORS SIR WALTER?

Did Abbotsford get its name from a man named Abbott? Did an Abbot "ford" a stream at this particular place? We are not sure, but the generally accepted idea now is that some loyal Scotsman applied the name Abbotsford to our early town in memory of Sir Walter Scott whose home was at Abbotsford in Scotland.

The present incorporated village of Abbotsford is not very large—only 160 acres in area—but what a contrast the modern village of today must make to the Abbotsford of 60 years ago. Today a village of paved streets, fine lighting, modern stores and many fine residences. Then a panorama of towering firs, cedars and spruces. Today a hustling centre of over 550 people serving a possible rural community of over 5000. Then—one man.

STUMP DWELLER

No history of Abbotsford would be complete without a note about this early pioneer. His name was Freeman and his home was a giant, hollow cedar stump located approximately where the Abbotsford branch of the Royal Bank of Canada is situated today. And "shades of real estate" Mr. Tommy York can recall when he could have bought the whole of Abbotsford, Freeman's house and all, for five dollars.

Today the prosperity of Abbotsford depends almost entirely upon the agricultural industry, but the early history was bound inseparably with the logging and lumbering industries.

FIRST SAWMILL

The first mill to move into the virgin timber stand of the Abbotsford district was located on the Lower Sumas Road at about the present site of where Mrs. Richier and family make their home. It was owned by three partners,

Abbotsford in the Year ?

Messrs. Cook, Craig and Johnson. Some time later the mill changed hands and was moved to Mill Lake and shortly after was purchased by the Threthewey Bros. under the name of Abbotsford Lumber, Mining & Development Company. One of the sons, Edgar Threthewey, still owns this site and operates a retail lumber yard under the name of the Abbotsford Lumber Company.

DAILY PAYROLL

Gradually, through the years, the forests surrounding Abbotsford became depleted and the once great payroll of the mill vanished until today only a few small tie mills are operating. But in their wake has come an even more permanent individual—the farmer. As the great stumps were cleared many dairy, small fruits and poultry farms have become firmly established so that instead of waiting for pay-day twice a month, every day is "pay-day" to the farmer.

The development of any community depends largely on the transportation facilities of that community and what a joy it must have been to those early pioneers when in 1891 the Canadian Pacific Railway branch from Mission to Huntingdon was completed and regular mail and pas-



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"Soaring Wings", George Palmer Putman. This is an informal and intimate biography of Amelia Earhart. The book is filled with famous names and dramatic events.

"Plant Hunter's Paradise", F. K. Ward. Two scientists, a botanist and a zoologist spent 1931 in upper Burma studying and collecting plants and animals. This book is the botanist's day-by-day account of the personal fortunes of the expedition.

"Iron Brew", S. H. Holbrook. A popular history of steel in the United States, by the author of "Holy Old Mackinaw".

senger service between Abbotsford and Vancouver was inaugurated. In October, 1907, the Great Northern Railway was completed and in 1910 regular services were begun on the British Columbia Electric Railway between Vancouver and Chilliwack. Recent years, of course, have witnessed the more modern highways with motor freight and bus communication with all parts of the province and even United States.

STEADY PROGRESS

The history of Abbotsford has been one of slow and steady progress. Nothing spectacular—no gold rush—no oil boom—no even a "great fire", but many "old-timers" will vividly recall the year of 1894 when the mighty Fraser River over-flowed its banks and flooded the whole of Matsqui and Sumas Prairies.

In a brief account like this, it would be impossible to recall all of the early pioneers, but the names of a few are mentioned by so many of the "old-timers" who gave us information, that we dare mention just a few.

POSTAL SERVICE

The first store in Abbotsford was called "The General Store". It was located where the Home Gas Station is now situated and

was operated by Mr. Frank Munro, who became also the first postmaster. Some time later the post office was moved to the C.P.R. station where Mr. McCulloch became postmaster. Many old-timers recall at this time that the mail was simply dumped on the station platform and everyone pawed at the mail until they found their own. Some years later again, the post office was moved "up-town" where Mrs. C. Sumner became post mistress.

EARLY DOCTORS

During the earliest pioneer days in Abbotsford there was no doctor closer than Mission until the British Columbia Construction Company came in to build the Great Northern Railway. Dr. Herald was the first railway doctor and held this position in Abbotsford until 1910 when he was succeeded by the late Dr. Swift whom many of the modern generation will still remember.

The first hospital was located at about the present site of Weir's Garage. Years later the hospital was moved to the large home now occupied by Mr. Tom Bennett and family. This hospital sufficed until the growing needs of the community warranted the building of the present hospital on the McCallum road.

THE FIRST CAR

The first garage in Abbotsford was located on the present site of Abbotsford Motors Ltd. and was built by Dr. Swift and operated by Mr. C. A. Ryall. Incidentally, the first car purchased in Abbotsford was owned by a Mr. Jack Anderson and was used at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hulton-Harrop. If our knowledge of cars and roads in those early days is correct, the honeymoon ride might have been at any time abruptly abbreviated.

The old Commercial Hotel located where the Atangard Hotel now stands, was owned by Mr. J. Gazeley and was as well-used as a hall for dances. Later this hotel was owned by B. and J. F. McIlroy. A Mr. and Mrs. W. Campbell owned the Abbotsford Hotel in 1906. Those were in the old days when open saloons were the rule in every hotel.

The first tonsorial expert in Abbotsford was Mr. Joe Sanderson, who is still doing business at the old stand.

PIONEER CHURCH

Today six religious denominations administer the spiritual needs of our community. The first of these to come to Abbotsford was the Anglican Church which early realized the needs of the district and established here in 1904. In 1909 the Presbyterian Church was built and a few years later the Roman Catholic Church was constructed.

Today nearly 550 pupils are adequately housed in the two large schools in Abbotsford. The first school ever built was erected near the old Great Northern station, the present home of Mr. Marion and family. Many old-timers recall the shortage of pupils and the difficulty of having even ten enroll so that the school could be kept open.

INCORPORATION

In the early days, when Abbotsford was still in the pupa stage, the town was merely a part of both Sumas and Matsqui municipalities. As the population gradually increased, and because the residents felt they were not receiving due compensations, the residents petitioned the provincial government and succeeded in having Victoria create the "Townsite of Abbotsford." In 1924, at a well attended public meeting, the residents by two-thirds majority vote again petitioned the Provincial Government to create Abbotsford as an incorporated village. This the government saw fit to do, and in 1925 Abbotsford became a full-fledged village with a governing body of three elected commissioners.

In conclusion we would like to say that it has been a lot of fun compiling this account. We feel that a complete history of Abbotsford would be a valuable asset to the community and that the names and records of our pioneering forefathers should be duly perpetuated for the generations yet to come. In this respect we want to extend

C.N. EARNINGS INCREASE

The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending November 14, 1939, were \$4,525,404 as compared with \$3,851,084 for the corresponding period of 1938, an increase of \$674,320.

thanks to the following old-timers who graciously gave their help and sincerely hope that their contributions will serve as an impetus for many other old timers who have yarns and pictures which we know will help to make the story complete.

With thanks to: Mr. A. Frey, Mr. J. Higginson, Mrs. H. Fraser, Mr. C. Sumner, Mr. T. Gamble, Mr. A. McCrimmon, Mrs. T. York, Mr. T. Andrews and Mr. P. Wilson.

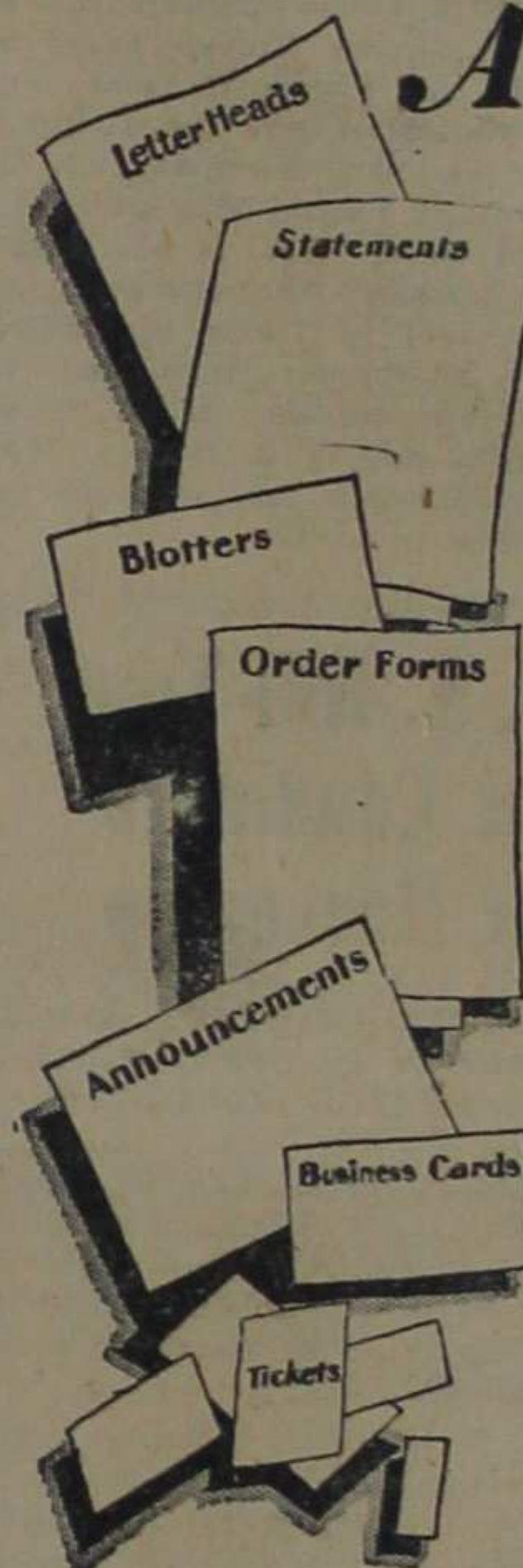
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Continuance of "Area" Not The Issue

It appears that the ratepayers of Matsqui will be asked by the municipal council to give some expression of opinion in regard to the Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford Educational Area. The council has decided to exercise the privilege, which Victoria says is theirs, to submit a plebiscite but it has not announced the wording of the plebiscite so it is not known exactly what the ratepayers will be balloting on. Neither is it known what results will be obtained by the plebiscite other than knowing what a portion of the ratepayers of Matsqui think about the school system for it is one of the greatest weaknesses of democracy that the people neglect the freedom provided by our form of government to the point of even letting "George" do their voting. Incidentally, it is another anomaly of democracy that argument is permitted to continue even after the decision has been rendered.

For nearly two years *The News* has been making every effort to provide its readers, the ratepayers of the M.S.A. Area, with information regarding the school system. First we introduced special "columns" in which the conduct of the schools and the details of the modern form of education were revealed through news of the student activities. *The News* publicized the Night Schools to show how the school plant was also being made available to the public at large at little cost but great advantage to those with the initiative to learn. Gradually news of the efforts of the Advisory Board was secured and published and more recently it has been possible to record in these pages complete statements by the Director of Education clearly setting forth the cost of the present system and the improvements in the quality and quantity of education which it has been possible to provide through co-operative action of the three districts embraced.

Statements and expression of opinions by the reeves and councils have been published as they occurred and from these, particularly the more recent ones, the ratepayers may glean the fact that the councils are not quarreling or objecting to the new school system but favor it. The question then is \$\$\$\$. There can be no argument with plain, unfortunate fact that the number of school children in Matsqui suddenly almost doubled and in doing so naturally forced up total school costs despite marked economies that had been effected by consolidation. There is no apparent dispute that the schools are greatly improved in condition, equipment, appearance and grounds and that a better standard of education—one that will permit M.S.A. children to compete on more even terms with their cousins in the cities, is being provided at a lower *per pupil* cost to the ratepayers. The argument consequently settles on one point—ability to support the total cost.

It is possible that some ratepayers will feel forced, as one Matsqui councillor admitted on Saturday was his personal predicament, to vote against a school system he favored because the total cost exceeded, in his opinion, the ability of the municipality to pay. Such action, the director of education has pointed out, would only represent "jumping from the frying pan into the fire"; the children would still be in Matsqui and the cost to Matsqui alone endeavoring to educate them would probably be greater than at present. There are possibly ways that can be arranged by conference between the three districts and the government, now that this situation becomes so obvious, that will permit equitable adjustment of part of the school tax among the districts. Nevertheless the writing is plainly on the wall for the government to read: Its own educational experiment has proven its merit, it has reduced pupil costs and increased the efficiency and quality, but it has also further demonstrated that the cost of education is beyond the present method of taxation to support. The remedy in the M.S.A. Area is not in voting out the Area, it is admittedly doing the best job yet secured for the school tax dollar, but in making it clear a larger proportion of the cost of education must come from a different source than the tax on land.

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Two Enemies Now

Russia's invasion of Finland is no worse than Germany's annexation of Austria and Czechoslovakia, the destruction of Poland. It is no worse than Japan's incursion into China. It is no worse than Italy's "civilizing" of Abyssinia and the swallowing of Albania. But it is more important. For it adds Russia to the list of gangster nations. Until now, the world had, in its wishful thinking, refused to believe that of Russia. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had impregnated the propaganda that, except in ideology, Russia was as one with us in her hatred of fascism and the sort of imperialism typified by Hitler. But these starry-eyed days are ended, blacked out by screams of the dying of Helsingfors.—*Kamloops Sentinel*.

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It Is Still Good Advice

After several years of heart-breaking drought, this last year good rains once again came over the greater part of our prairies, and so many farmers are now enjoying increased incomes from the generous crops.

The history of the West tells us, however, that sooner or later one or more drought years will again come.

One of the first Ministers of Agriculture in China—the Marshal Hsu—over 2000 years ago, advised the Chinese farmers located in the semi-arid or drought areas of China, to put by some money, some seed and feed in the good years to help them tide over the dry years, which he warned would certainly come again sooner or later.

The Hon. Mr. J. G. Taggart, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, recently, in almost the same words, gave the same advice to our prairie farmers.

After the severe difficulties imposed upon our farmers by the recent long drought years, this good agricultural advice cannot, of course, be taken by all, but those farmers who can manage this year to put by a little money and seed and feed, would certainly have a valuable financial "sheet anchor", or "lifebuoy", that would help them to keep afloat when the bad years once again come around.

Haney Man Heads B.C. Beekeepers

H. C. Legge, Haney, was elected president of Fraser Valley Division of the B.C. Honey Producers' Association at the annual meeting held in New Westminster.

Ald. J. Lewis Sangster, New Westminster, is vice-president; W. J. H. Dicks, Haney, secretary-treasurer; J. W. Winson, Huntingdon, representative to central executive, and A. W. Finlay, Huntingdon, auditor.

J. A. Catherwood, Mission City; J. H. Holt, Kennedy Station; A. A. Paul, New Westminster; Peter Faircloth, Coquitlam; J. P. Hodgson, New Westminster; S. L. Johnson, Chilliwack; J. W. Winson, Huntingdon; E. Harvey, Eburne; Scott Fenton, Ladner; W. J. H. Dicks, Haney, and W. McDermott, Pitt Meadows, are directors.

The exhibition committee includes E. E. Harvey, Eburne; E. R. Freeman, Milner, and Mrs. W. J. H. Dicks.

Resolutions adopted asked that bee-keepers' supplies and equipment be exempt from sales tax on the same basis as agricultural supplies and that the government make provision for sugar supplies to feed bees in event of a wartime shortage of sugar.

Increased honey production in British Columbia was urged by Ald. Sangster, retiring president.

BACON FOR ALLIES

It is expected that the Dominion, along with the United States, will be expected to augment supplies of bacon which ordinarily come from the Scandinavian nations, Poland and other countries of the continent. Statistics supplied by the Canadian National Railways show that Canadian bacon exports during the last war rose from 37,212,000 pounds in 1913 to 114,919,000 pounds in 1916.

ELECT SHANNON

S. H. Shannon, well-known Surrey dairy farmer, has been appointed director for British Columbia of the Canadian Wiltshire Breeders' Association.

SUGAR BEET CROP BRINGS MONTANA FARMS \$1,805,000

Cheques totalling approximately \$1,305,000, representing the initial payment on the 1939 sugar beet crop in the Billings factory district were mailed last month, the Great Western Sugar Company announces. The Holly Sugar Company reports cheques totalling approximately \$500,000 mailed to beet growers in the Hardin factory district.

SEED SHIPMENT

More than 5000 pounds of roots from the Ryder Lake community Association have been sent to the Agricultural Marketing Bureau at Vancouver to be used for production of registered and certified seed. A second shipment of vegetables was sent by the association to a Vancouver firm.

FORM SWINE CLUB

Fifteen farmers have started formation of a Swine Club in the Sardis and Atcheltz districts. The farmers acted after a meeting at Atcheltz at which they heard Dr. Wallace R. Gunn, provincial live stock commissioner, and T. G. Stewart, Dominion Field man, explain the federal project to increase swine production.

MILK SPEEDS BREN GUN MANUFACTURE

Milk-fed British workmen are turning out trim Bren guns at great speed and the peak of production has not yet been reached. Workmen take milk drinking seriously at the vast factory "somewhere in England". They guzzle more than 500 quarts daily. A plant officer said they started the practise in line with the Health Ministry's fitness campaign and fewer influenza casualties have been reported in the last year although he did not ascribe this entirely to the milk regimen.



BUSY MEMBER OF SUMAS C. T. A. HERD

With a previous record of maintaining over 500 pounds of butterfat a year during three lactation periods, "Quadra", (above) grade Guernsey member of C. H. Beldam's dairy herd, Sumas Prairie, freshened on Oct. 3 with a fourth heifer calf and is now milking over 60 pounds a day with a test of 4.8. She made 89 pounds fat during the first month. Her past records are, as a 2-year-old, 566 lbs. fat in 365 days; 3-year-old, 535 lbs. fat in 305 days; and as a 4-year-old, 527 lbs. fat in 305 days. Quadra is a daughter of "Master Bob of Baker View", well-known C. T. A. Proven sire. Her first daughter, sired by "Innistrone Warrior 2nd", with her second calf, is producing 59 lbs. a day with a test of 4.9 and made 87 lbs. fat the first month. Selective breeding based on Proven Sire and C. T. A. records are given credit for producing this profitable type of Sumas district dairy cow.

Matsqui Cow-Testing Ass'n.

Herd averages of 30 lbs. of fat or over for the month of November.

Herds of 15 Cows or Less

J. F. McTavish	953	43.2
J. Simpson	706	37.1
J. E. Israel	659	36.7
J. W. Beharrell	928	34.7
L. T. Beharrell & Son	937	31.1

Herds of 16 Cows or Over

Emil Anderson	878	41.9
J. Moore & Son	676	36.2
White Estate	816	36.5
G. H. Rottluff & Son	751	32.1
Frank Machell	806	31.5
H. F. Page & Son	848	30.0

In arriving at the monthly average, the production of all cows is considered that are credited with a month's milk at time of testing.
W. E. Hawthorne, Supervisor

KILGARD JERSEY COMPLETES RECORD

The Jersey cow, Biscoq Rosebay's Lady, owned and tested by Mrs. K. M. McIntosh, Kilgard, has recently completed a splendid record of 11,352 lbs. of milk, 579 lbs. of fat, with an average test of 5.10 per cent. at six years of age in 305 days, reports the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club.

XMAS MAILS

For sure delivery of Christmas mail to the Old Country, all mail should be despatched within the next few days. E. A. Barrett, Abbotsford postmaster, announces. Usual dates of sailing are naturally not available to the Postal Department, but no restrictions have been placed on mails.

LICENSE PROSECUTIONS

R.C.M.P. officers in New Westminster police court gave evidence against two citizens alleged to have failed to take out the customary radio licenses. A fine of \$5 was imposed in one case and costs assessed in the other.

Eighty-four per cent. of 24,000 suggestions for improvements submitted by employees since 1925 were found practicable and later adopted, it was revealed at the 13th annual meeting of the Union Management Co-operative Movement, Canadian National Railways mechanical section.

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GROWS LEMONS

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Reimer, Sumas Prairie, have a lemon tree which for several seasons has produced extra large fruit.

ERECTING LARGE BARN

A large barn is under construction on Mr. S. Heimstra's farm on Vye Road.

RELEASE PHEASANTS

Eleven hundred Chinese pheasants are being planted in Whatcom County this week, the State Game Department announces. The birds were raised this year at the Ellensburg state game farm in Kittitas County.

BOUNTIES REDUCED

Bounties on cougars have been reduced from \$20 to \$15 and on timber wolves from \$15 to \$10, by provincial government order.

ONE-WINGED BIRD SENT TO WARMER CLIMATE OF B.C.

Animals often ride to destination in cars of Canadian National Express but occasions where wild fowl board the train in order to spend the winter at the Pacific Coast are few and far between. That was the experience of Peter, an eared Grebe, who spent the summer in Camrose, Alberta, and somehow lost a wing. When cool winds blew down from the North, his companions took off for warmer climes, leaving Peter a forlorn and forsaken little figure on a power company reservoir. He was captured by a Camrose school teacher and expressed to Vancouver to join fellows of his species in Stanley Park lagoon.

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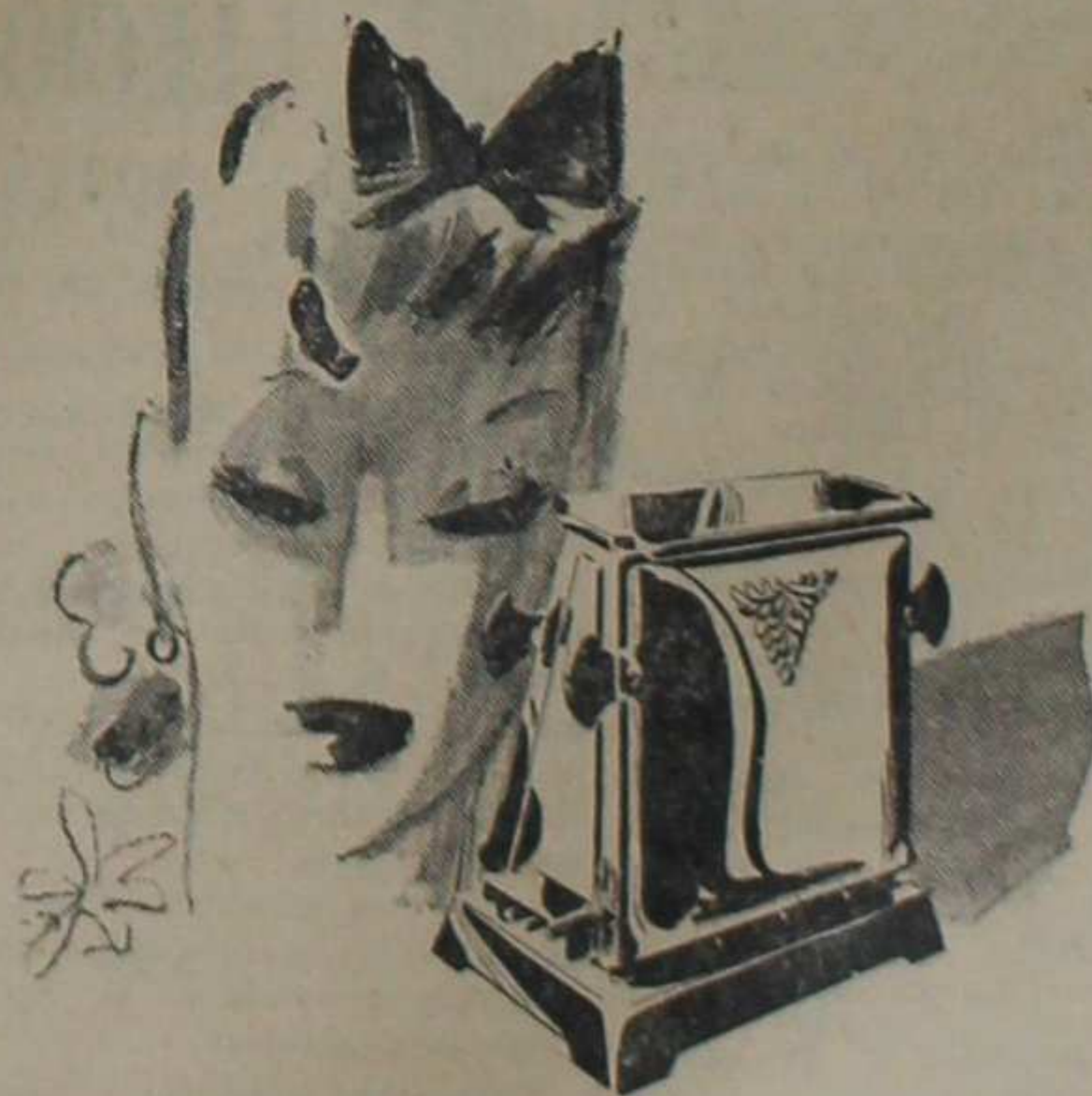
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, A. S. M. News,
Dear Sir:

Reeve Cruickshank, when in Victoria recently, referred to a portion of the municipality as "Poverty Flats."

In so doing I think perhaps he overlooked a valuable national asset. At present we hear and read a great deal about Air Ports and Training Fields, with a suggestion that these be located along the U.S. boundary, on account of the U.S. Neutrality Act.

There is in Matsqui Municipality a tract of over 3000 acres which would make an excellent Air Port. This district is about 44 miles from Vancouver, 21-3 miles from the Trans-Canada highway and about 120 miles from Seattle. It is practically level with an altitude of about 200 feet, excellent natural drainage and, what I think is more important, it is practically free from fog. In 19 years residence here I have very seldom seen fog in this area. True, there is some heavy clearing, but if the ninety odd thousand dollars which was spent in a mud-hole in the Fraser Valley had been spent here there would be something to show for it.

I think the Dept. of National Defence or those interested might do well to investigate the advantages of this area.

Trusting that you may find space for this in your publication, I remain, yours truly,

Thos. D. Smith, Poplar

Welfare Donations

The following donations are acknowledged by the A.S.M. Welfare Club:

\$10—Abbotsford Municipality.
\$5—Eastern Star, Dr. Taylor, Mrs. Bawtenheimer, Sumas Municipality.

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20 cents—Mrs. Prygnocki, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Berry.

15 cents—Mrs. Boyce, Mrs. K. Shore, Mrs. T. Hoffman, a friend, Mrs. MacKinnon, a friend, 10c.

TECHNOCRACY LECTURE

Technocracy Inc. is holding a public lecture in Matsqui Hall annex, Matsqui, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Personal Paragraphs

Contributed by our District Correspondents

Gifford

Mrs. Seed of Sumas was the guest of Mrs. P. Hanson for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Seed spent Friday in Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce, Jr., of Saskatchewan are spending some time as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce here.

An enjoyable whist drive and dance was held in Glenmore school on Friday by the Gifford Community Club, when 12 tables of whist were in play. Prize winners were Miss D. Fooks, Mrs. H. Shogren; consolations, Mrs. Hy-mers and Mr. Jones. A bean-guessing contest was won by B. Nelson. Proceeds go towards the children's Christmas tree. Music for the dance was supplied by Mrs. Newton and Eldon Ryder. The next whist drive will be held on Dec. 15.

The P.T.A. held a military whist drive in Gifford hall on Tuesday, Nov. 28, when 7 tables were in play and prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibbard, Mrs. Sorenson, and Mr. D. Whitson; consolations, Mrs. Threlfall, H. Shogren and Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith.

Mrs. James entertained at an afternoon tea on Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Conroy, sr., Mrs. A. Conroy, Miss Mary Conroy, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Rennie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rust are spending some time in Everett, Wn.

Miss Audrey Smith, who is attending school in Vancouver, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith. Miss Kathleen Smith returned to Vancouver with her for a few days.

Aberdeen

Mrs. W. Chittenden and Shirley, accompanied by Mrs. Stan Turner and baby daughter of Cultus Lake, visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. Denny was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Greer, and Mr. Greer of Otter Friday.

Another step forward with the Community Hall is the installation of electricity which was much appreciated at the dance on Friday, at which there was a very good crowd. The box office and the addition of a verandah are also quite an improvement. The work was done by volunteer labor.

M. N. Peterson is a patient in the Royal Columbian hospital in New Westminster.

Poplar

The Silver Tea for the Red Cross which was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Latter on Tuesday, was well attended. The next Silver Tea will be held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12, in the hall.

A combined board meeting of Poplar, Clayburn and Mt. Lehman United churches was held in the Poplar church on Tuesday night, November 28.

Mrs. J. Aitken has received word that her sister, who was visiting her this summer, has sailed safely to her home in Scotland. Owing to war conditions, she was obliged to leave from New York instead of Quebec.

The annual election of officers for the Poplar Manor Women's Institute will be held in the hall on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. There will be a Silver Tea and social, and every member is invited to attend and bring a friend with her.

Bradner

Miss Hoffman, who has been spending a vacation in Saskatchewan with her sister, has returned home.

Mrs. Douglas Newson of Courtenay is the guest of Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Arthur Money and two children were guests of Mr. Money, Sr., at Langley Prairie last week.

Mrs. R. F. Adams and Miss E. Marshall were visitors to New Westminster last week.

Mr. Underhill, while making repairs to his house, fell from a ladder and is confined to bed.

There was a good attendance at the baby clinic held in the hall on Friday.

A quantity of work was turned in Friday through Mrs. Auburn, president of the Red Cross unit, to M.A.S. Headquarters at Abbotsford.

The girls' and boys' basketball teams will play in the hall on Thursday against Dewdney teams.

Mrs. C. Baynes and Margaret Baynes were Vancouver visitors during the week.

ed that the Legion is at all times willing to assist in making these various claims.

Huntingdon

Mabel Finlay of Vancouver visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finlay, at the weekend.

Mr. Jack Martin is taking treatments at Harrison Hot Springs. Miss Bekker of Vancouver was a visitor at the Beestlestone home at the weekend.

Mrs. Arnould was the guest of Mrs. Fraser York.

Helen Dawson has been visiting in Vancouver for a while.

The Red Cross unit met at the home of Mrs. A. Crouter this week. Miss Arnould gave an interesting talk.

A whist drive was held at Huntingdon school on Friday night.

Mr. Livingston and his nephew, of Shaunavon, Sask., visited the Morey family at the weekend.

Under the auspices of St. Paul's Church, Huntingdon, a tea will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Skinner on Friday, Dec. 8, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Home cooking and candy will be a feature of the afternoon.

Matsqui

The regular monthly meeting of the Matsqui P.T.A. will be held in the church parlors on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m.

There were eight tables of whist in play at the Matsqui P.T.A. whist drive on Friday evening.

Prize winners were: firsts, Mrs. O. Hougen, Mrs. Grohnert, Mr. S. Cameron and M. N. Poignant; consolations went to Mrs. A. Gibbard, Mrs. S. Cameron, Dave Faulkner and Henry Crasker.

Winner of the quilt at the Lutheran Ladies' Aid sale was J. Ige-land. Proceeds were \$43.

Harold Paterson of Halifax has been visiting Mr. G. Paterson and Alice Paterson.

Mrs. Sleasman of Sumas is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Ige-land.

Matsqui elementary and superior schools will hold their Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

Jack Kerr has enrolled in an aeronautical school in Los Angeles. He left Thursday.

Mrs. W. Mailes of Port Alberni spent a few days with Mrs. M. Faulkner.

Matsqui choir, under direction of Mr. Busby and accompanied by Mrs. R. Anderson, A.T.C.M., will give a concert in Gifford hall on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8:30 p.m.

Miss Freda Ige-land, R.N., of Port Alberni has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ige-land.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Urvald and son, Harold, and Mr. Thompson of Kyle, Sask., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Engene last week.

Guests of Mr. Snethun at the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Stonstad, Mr. Hoyme and Mr. Adamack of Vancouver.

Sumas District

Miss Francis McPhail of Vancouver spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McPhail.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Nelles recently were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hall of Lone Butte, Sask.

Miss Jean Short spent the weekend at her home in Vancouver.

Misses Marie and Kathleen Wilson of Burnaby are visitors at the home of Mrs. S. Heimstra.

A meeting to organize a cribbage club was held with Mr. and Mrs. M. Nelles on Wednesday evening. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Austin Jr.

Major S. W. E. Beldam, who has spent the summer at the coast with his son, C. H. Beldam and other relatives, left on Saturday for England.

Mr. E. B. McPhail and family spent Thursday in Vancouver.

The P.T.A. will hold a military whist drive at the Whatcom Rd. Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 7. Proceeds go towards the school Christmas fund.

Miss Mabel Watson spent the weekend in Vancouver.

BURSTING TIRE

(Continued from Front Page)

to be moved to hospital in a car, being without a highway patrol ambulance, police experienced difficulty in getting him to the hospital in Abbotsford.

The accident occurred but a few feet from the spot where Rev. J. J. Nixon of Nanaimo sustained serious injuries on Nov. 13 when his sedan left the highway on the Clearbrook curve, and near where Donald Phillipson of Chilliwack overturned a car the previous night.

Phillipson and a passenger escaped injury. Slow signs had been placed some distance each side of the curve (already marked with the usual signs, only a day or two before these last accidents occurred.

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Carrots, 4 bunches 10c

Turnips, ... 10 lbs. 15c

Fluffo, 2 lbs. 25c

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10 1/2-ounce

Tomato Juice, 5 tins 25c

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Clayburn

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Best and their daughter, have moved into the suite above The Station Store.

Miss Kay Manders returned home from Port Alberni on Monday for a fortnight's holiday.

W. J. Young, of Seldon's Farm, sold 28 head of cattle and a number of farm implements at auction recently.

Work recommenced on gravelling the new Clayburn-Matsqui road, but due to inclement weather the work is delayed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Domke expect to have electricity installed in their home by the end of the week.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fooks on Sunday were Mrs. Fooks' sister and nephew, Mrs. R. Pybus and son of Ladner.

Miss Ina Case spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. Davies of Kilgard.

Mr. Ken Hunt has obtained employment in Vancouver.

A Red Cross meeting was held at the home of Mrs. I. Kirkpatrick Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Davies visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Bruton of Haney at the weekend.

John Kotowitch has obtained employment in Vancouver.

Mrs. S. Hunt and sons, Ken, Howard and Leigh visited in Vancouver for several days last week.

Miss Betty Cooper spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. McMoran and family of North Vancouver.

A Ladies Aid meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Reid in Ridge-dale on Tuesday.

Mt. Lehman

Mrs. M. McAskill, Mrs. E. Forrester, Mrs. D. Nicholson, Mrs. C. Gibson and Mrs. A. Tucker attended the Red Cross meeting at Abbotsford on Friday.

The United Church Ladies' Aid held their weekly tea at the home of Mrs. Robert Sidle on Wednesday with 21 ladies present.

Miss Helen Israel of Abbotsford spent the weekend with her parents here.

Mr. Angus Ryder, Bob Heath and Lyle Lehman have returned from logging at Great Central Lake, V.I.

Richard Simpson spent a week at Lulu Island.

Miss Pearl Hernstead left last week to work in Vancouver.

Mrs. Douglas Newson of Courtenay is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owen.

The first home nursing class was held at the public school on Monday night. Mrs. G. Savitsky lectured.

Pine Grove

Miss Georgia Carmichael has left for Vancouver.

The annual meeting of Pine Grove Women's Institute will be held in the hall on Dec. 12.

A sale of work and a tea, held in the hall on Friday under auspices of the Women's Institute, was a financial success. The stall of plain and fancy work was attended by Mrs. Vic. Ferguson and her committee. The grab bag was in charge of Mrs. Newell, while Miss Madeline Ferguson operated the candy stall. The quilt raffled was won by E. Marriott.

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EXPERIENCED young man, 19, wants work on farm; drives tractor, truck; good milkier. Phone Abbotsford 78. 13

BOARDERS WANTED—Winter rates, \$6 per week. Abbotsford Cafe. 14

FOR RENT—5 stores, modern; suitable for small business live at back. C. A. Haddrell, Abbotsford. 15

FOR RENT—2 small houses, modern, \$10 a month (no small children). C. A. Haddrell, Abbotsford. 16

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FOR SALE—Gentle saddle horse. Ken Ruttan, Hatzic, phone Mission 413. 5

WANTED—Team of horses, about 1200-1400 lbs. Louis Bevan, Ware road. 6

FOR SALE—170 Barred Rock pullets, laying. Apply J. Henney, Delair road, phone 205. 10

CARD OF THANKS

B.P.O. Elks No. 66 express their sincere thanks to the Advisory Board of M.S.A. School Area and Mr. A. S. Towell, director of education, for use of the high school auditorium for their annual "Major Bonanza Night" for the Christmas Cheer Fund. They also extend many thanks to the guest artists, judges, all contestants and to Miss Peggy Anderson for accompanying the contestants.

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Abbotsford Paragraphs

A directors' meeting of the C. F.V. Fairs Association is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m., in Daly's Hardware, Abbotsford.

J. Roland of Vancouver damaged his car considerably when he ran into the ditch on the south side of the highway near Gladwin road Wednesday afternoon in attempting to avoid striking a dog. He escaped injury.

Sequel to an accident on the highway near Gladwin road, Saturday night, Nov. 25, Anthony Goller of Vancouver was fined \$5 by Magistrate G. H. Loach in Matsqui police court Thursday on a charge of operating without a driver's license. Goller's car, police state, crashed into one being driven toward Aldergrove by John Leitch, butcher at Abbotsford Safeways Ltd. The Vancouver car overturned, both drivers escaped injury but one of several passengers in Goller's car sustained a cut leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Perley moved to Vancouver on Tuesday. Mr. Perley has been a resident of Abbotsford for 27 years.

H. L. Preddy of Abbotsford has received word of the death of his brother, Walter James Preddy at Montreal on Sunday night. In the employ of the C.P.R. for 37 years, the late Mr. Preddy was foreman in the Montreal locomotive shops and was well known through frequent visits to British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island, Salt Spring Island and Vancouver, also at Kamloops in which district he had a hunting lodge.

Mrs. George Haigh of Powell River is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillis, also her uncle Mr. T. McMillan, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Fossett. Mrs. Haigh is on her way to her new home in Englewood where Mr. Haigh is engineer. Mrs. Haigh sold her beauty parlor business in Powell River to Miss Monica Carroll, formerly of the Marigold Beauty Shoppe, Abbotsford.

Mrs. Mailes of Port Alberni was the guest of Mrs. Hannah Fraser on Tuesday. Mrs. Mailes is a former Abbotsford resident, having lived here 33 years ago. She is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard Rottluff of Matsqui.

SCHOOL ESTIMATES

(Continued from Front Page)

been "stuck" with a large cash deficit resulting from three years of centralized administration. The saving mentioned above are real savings and represent money in the pockets of local taxpayers.

"In spite of anything that may be said to the contrary, the above statements are true. I feel, however, that a false impression may be created if I say no more than the above; and I therefore wish to make it known that cost of education in this Area will again increase in 1940. It appears that a plebiscite is to be held in a part of this Area, and ratepayers are entitled to know all the facts before they vote.

"At the time I spoke to the Board of Trade, next year's estimates had not been prepared, so I was not in a position to quote costs for next year. Under the Abbotsford School District Act these estimates do not have to be prepared until January 1, 1940, but I have got them out well before that date so that the ratepayers may have the information before any vote is taken.

"The Act states that the increase must be distributed over the three parts of the Area according to the number of pupils residing in each part. This division results as follows:

"1.—Matsqui increase is about \$7000. This is about the same as the increase last year.

"2.—Sumas increase is about \$2500. Last year Sumas had no increase.

"3.—Area "C" (Abbotsford, Huntingdon, Twp. 20) has no increase next year. Instead its taxes will be reduced by \$200. This is because a smaller percentage of our pupils reside in Area "C" than was the case last year, and amount of taxation depends on number of pupils.

"The ratepayers are also entitled to know the reasons for the increase. I therefore state them:

"1.—Nearly half of it, \$4200, is for a salary increase averaging approximately \$7 per month to the teachers. In this connection I should like to remark that this increase is long overdue. In neighboring municipalities up and down the Fraser Valley, although their teachers' salaries were already higher than ours, considerable increases have been granted during the past year or two. This Area cannot continue indefinitely to pay salaries lower than are paid in similar municipalities in our neighborhood. Accordingly, in the early part of this year, the Director of that time agreed on certain increases to be paid; and these have now been put into effect.

"2.—\$2100 is for heating, lighting and electrical equipment in the new Upper Sumas school.

"3.—\$2100 is for two new busses. This is because our transportation requirements have outgrown the capacity of our present bus equipment. I should like to add here that one new bus was to have been purchased in 1939, but during the spring our school enrolment temporarily dropped, and so the bus was not bought. It was hoped, of course, that the expenditure could be avoided.

"4.—\$500 is for an insurance premium that falls due next year. "The added expenditure will raise our per-pupil costs to approximately \$29.80 per annum. This is still far below costs of the period 1929-32, which averaged over \$40; and it is very little higher than average costs during the depression years 1932-35. I would ask that the taxpayers consider the present excellent condition of our schools, and compare it with the condition of 1932-35. They will then see, I believe, the truth of a statement that I have made

Mrs. Anna Marion

Last rites for Mrs. Anna Marion, wife of Errol Marion of Abbotsford, who passed away in M.S.A. Hospital on Saturday morning following an illness of several weeks, were held from St. Ann's church, Abbotsford, on Tuesday morning. Rev. Father Mulcaire officiated and the service was largely attended, the church being filled. Interment was in the family plot, Hazelwood cemetery. Pallbearers were Harry MacDonald, Pete Biro, H. S. Andrews, W. Sterry, J. Mahoney and E. C. Walker. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moret, well-known pioneer family, the late Mrs. Marion is survived by her parents, her husband, four small children and by two sisters, Marie and Emma, at home, and one brother, Fern Moret, Mission.

Jacob Friesen

The death occurred on Friday of Jacob J. Friesen, McCallum rd. S., who came here from the Prairies about 14 months ago. A native of Russia, he was in his 67th year and is survived here by his wife. The funeral service is being held today from the Menonite church, Poplar, Rev. Harry officiating. Henderson Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Lincoln Garrison

The death occurred on Thursday of Mrs. Lincoln Garrison, 57, at her home in Sumas, Wn. Deceased lived in Sumas since 1899 and was at one time postmistress of that town. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Lorraine Garrison and Mrs. Adeline Wilson. Funeral services were held Monday and interment was in Sumas cemetery.

many times and which I repeat here: "The argument for centralized administration is not that it reduces taxation, although it often does reduce it, but that it provides better buildings, better equipment, better salaries, more educational opportunities and courses, and improved facilities in every way with little if any increase in costs."

"It is Matsqui that has the big increase in enrolment, and so it is upon Matsqui that most of the taxation falls. I wish to say to the ratepayers of that municipality that before this Area was established Matsqui had about 750 pupils. Now it has about 1500. Therefore, no matter what happens, educational costs in Matsqui are bound to increase sharply. Those in a position to know are unanimously agreed that if Matsqui were operating its own schools the costs of education there would be higher than they are under the Area system.

I believe that elsewhere in this paper there appears a statement issued by our Advisory Board. I wish here to state explicitly that the Director neither suggested, hinted nor prompted the statement. The Board wished to place on record its opinion of the present system, and it did so voluntarily and independently.

"The members of the Board are all ratepayers and have considerable knowledge and experience of school administration. They are in a position to know the facts better than anybody else in the Area. I therefore recommend that ratepayers carefully study that statement before coming to a final decision regarding our school affairs." (Signed) A. S. Towell, Director of Education.

Nine Japanese in the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows district, charged by Corp. Young and Const. Watson, Abbotsford detachment R.C.M.P., with making saki, were fined from \$50 to \$25 and costs today. The fines were paid.

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Aylmer Soups	25c	Jello Choc. Pudding	19c
Tom. or Veg., 3 for		3 for	
Aylmer Baked	27c	Grape Nut Flakes	19c
Chicken, tin		2 for	
Aylmer Cut Green	10c	Swansdown Cake	25c
Beans		Flour	
Corn Starch, Canada	10c	Lard, Fletcher's	21c
Pkt.		Pure, 2 for	
Hedlund's Meat	25c	Extracts, Pure	35c
Pastes, 3 for		4-oz.	
Burn's Canned	25c	Extracts, Pure	19c
Sausage, tin		2-oz.	
Helmet Corned Beef	25c	B. Foods Sandwich	53c
2 for		Relish, 32-oz.	
Kipper Snacks	5c	Chateau Cheese	30c
Tin		LB.	

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3 for		Oranges, family	25c
Pearl White Soap	19c	Size, 2 dozen	
5 for		Grapefruit, Coacchella	19c
Royal Crown	9c	large, 4 for	
Cleanser, 2 for		Grapefruit, Sunkist	19c
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Headquarters NOTES

A nice quantity of finished work was received at the meeting at Headquarters on Friday afternoon of auxiliary representatives from all parts of the Area. A larger quantity of material to be made up was taken out.

Mrs. Heywood visited Provincial Headquarters in Vancouver on Monday and was promised that increased supplies of material would be available after the New Year. Clips are now available so it will not be necessary to sew the socks together with a label in future. These can be secured from M.A.S. Headquarters.

Abbotsford ladies may obtain wool from Mrs. Parton on Tuesday and Saturday before noon and after 6 p.m.

Christmas must be just around the corner when plans are laid for the celebration of New Year's. Posters already announce the first entertainment for 1940, a New Year's Novelty Dance in Matsqui Hall on January 1.

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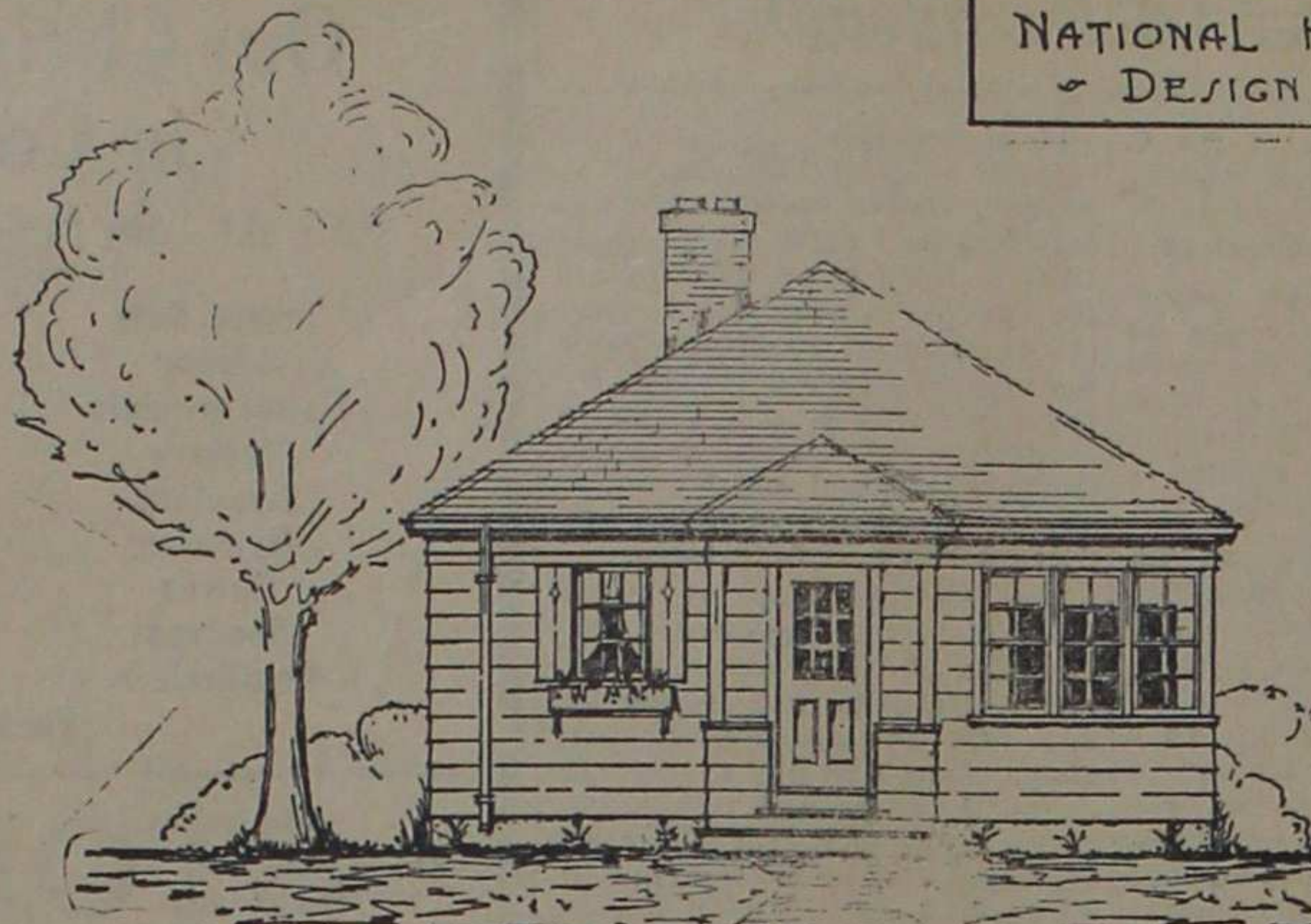
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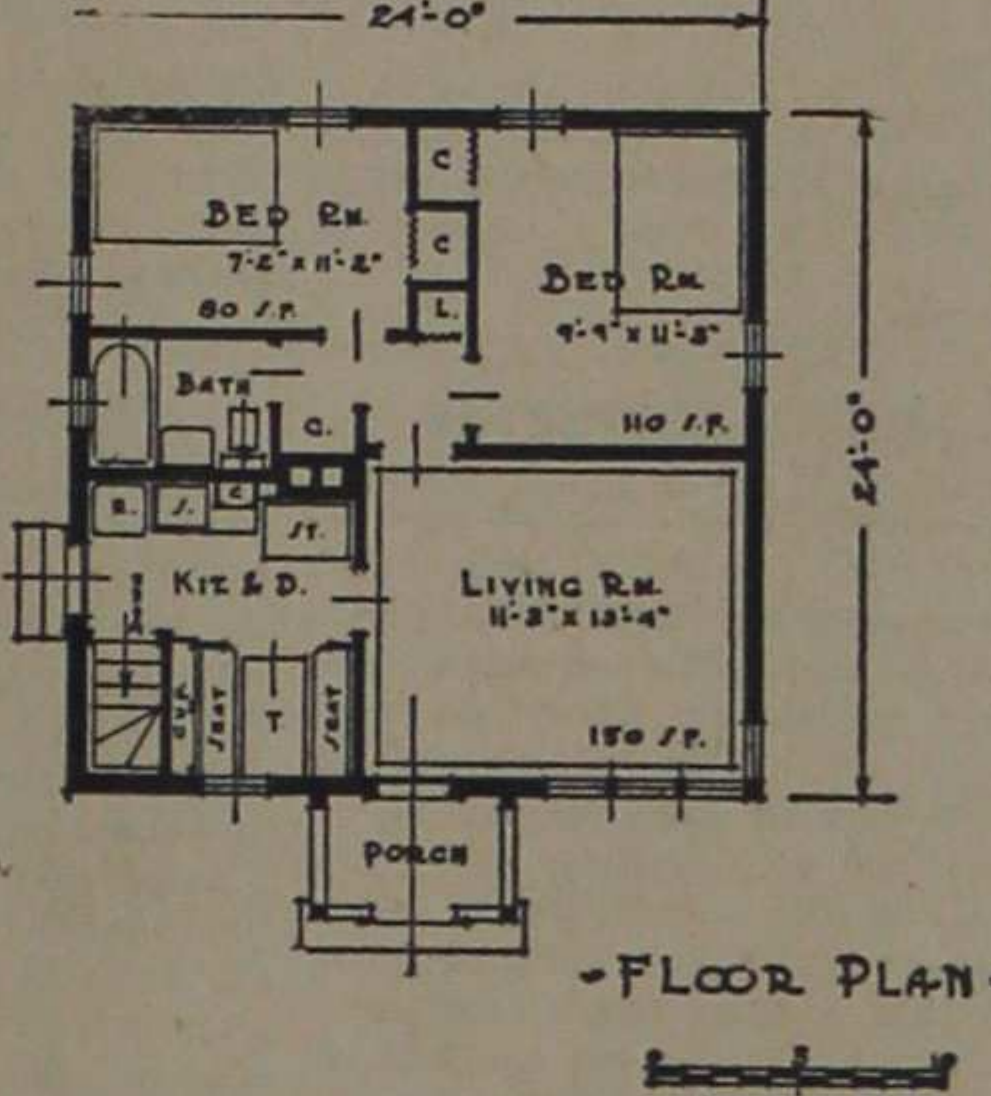
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GETS ACQUITTAL
James Crawford, director of Twigg Island Dairy Ltd., was acquitted in Vancouver Thursday of a charge of making false statements to the Independent Milk Producers' Co-operative Association without offering a defense.

B.C. MAN ELECTED
Sydney McLennan of Vancouver has been elected vice-president of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Expositions, succeeding Emery Boucher of Quebec.

TECHNOCRACY LECTURE
Technocracy Inc. is holding a public lecture in Matsqui Hall annex, Matsqui, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

MINISTER INVITED
Hon. K. C. McDonald has been invited to attend the annual meeting and banquet of the Chilliwack Agricultural Association which will be held Dec. 13 at Atcheltz Community Hall.

SERIOUSLY INJURED
George Watson, Sumas Prairie, who has been engaged in logging on Queen Charlotte Islands, was seriously hurt a week ago, and is a patient in Vancouver General Hospital with a fracture of the spine.

WOULD COST \$1,075,000
Estimated cost of completing the Hope-Princeton road, without hard surfacing, is \$1,075,000, Premier Pattullo told J. A. Paton, Point Grey Conservative, in the Legislature. Up to date \$573,992 has been expended on the work.

-:- Election Notices -:-

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SUMAS, B.C.
ELECTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Sumas, B.C., that I require the presence of said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Whatcom road, B.C., on

Monday, December 11, 1939

at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing persons to represent them as Reeve and Councillors.

The mode of nomination shall be as follows:

The candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two Electors of the Municipality as proposer and second, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2:00 p.m. of the day of nomination; the said writing may be in the form numbered three in the Schedule of the "Municipal Elections Act" and shall state the names, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate; and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll shall be opened on

Saturday, December 16, 1939

from 8 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m. in the Municipal Hall, Whatcom Road of which each person is hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand at Whatcom road, B.C., this 28th day of November, 1939.

E. B. McPHAIL
Returning Officer

LADIES' ASSOCIATION RAISES OVER \$130
Aberdeen Ladies' Association report a very satisfactory year financially. Commencing the year with a balance of \$14.95, receipts from sale of work, whilst drives, etc., were \$134.67; expenses were only \$118.91, leaving a balance on hand of \$30.71. The expense account includes a donation to the Hall Building Fund of \$45 and \$40 towards the kitchen flooring and furnishings.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ABBOTSFORD
ELECTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the Village of Abbotsford, B.C., that I require the presence of the said electors at the Municipal Office on Monday,

11th of December, 1939

at the hours of 12 noon to 2 p.m. for the purpose of electing a person to represent them as Commissioner.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and second, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officers at any time between the date of this notice and 2:00 p.m. of the day of nomination; the said writing may be in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule of the "Municipal Elections Act" and shall state the names, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed, in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate; and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll shall be opened on Thursday,

14th of December, 1939

at the Municipal Office, Abbotsford of which every person is required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Qualifications of Commissioner Unless he is otherwise disqualified by Section 11 of the Village Municipalities Act, any person shall be qualified to be a Commissioner whose name appears on the Voters' List and who is the owner of real property within the Municipality having an assessed value of at least Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) over and above the amount of all charges and judgments registered against same.

Given under my hand at Abbotsford, B.C., this 28th day of November, 1939.

GEORGE F. PRATT
Returning Officer.

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF MATSQUI, B.C.
ELECTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Matsqui, B.C., that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Mt. Lehman, B.C., on

Monday, December 11, 1939

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Municipal Hall, Mount Lehman

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WARD THREE
Poplar North School House, Clearbrook Road.
Mrs. Margaret Mawson's House, Yale and Ware Road
Clayburn School House, Clayburn.

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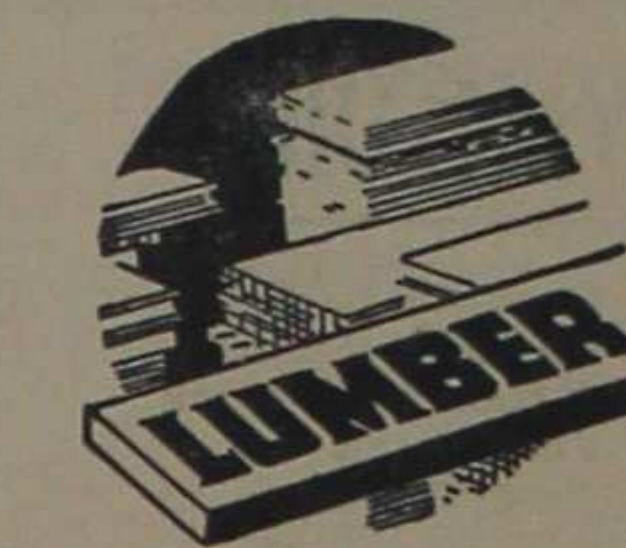
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Sport In The District

14 Schools In Football Cup Series

With a view of making sure the M.S.A. Area will be well supplied with soccer players in coming years, the Abbotsford & District Amateur Athletic Association will sponsor a knock-out series among 14 public schools of the district it was decided at an executive meeting of that body on Thursday night. A handsome cup donated by the A.S. & M. News to the association will be at stake in the series, and possibly other awards.

The tourney is scheduled to start at the end of February and games will be played on Jubilee grounds, Abbotsford, on Wednesday afternoons. Semi-finals and final will be played previous to Sunday games of the Fraser Valley Football League in Abbotsford. Principals of the schools concerned have been communicated with and a draw for games will be published in an early issue.

MATSQUI-ABBOTSFORD ENTRANTS WIN PRIZES

Ernest Poignant of Matsqui and Roberta Carsell of Abbotsford are among 74 British Columbia prize-winners in a nation-wide "educational" contest conducted by Brandram-Henderson Ltd., earlier this year, it is now announced. The former won a \$10 special prize while the latter won a consolation award in the senior class. Several thousand entries were written on the subject of "Why it pays to keep things painted."

AUDITORIUM TO BE USED FOR TRAINING OF LOCAL BOXERS

At a meeting last week of the Advisory Board of the School Area, A. S. Towell, director of education, spoke on behalf of Abbotsford & District Amateur Athletic Association for use of the high school auditorium for boxing. The board came to the agreement that the hall could be used for training purposes only. The hall will be available in conjunction with Pro-Rec nights on Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m., and later in the season, Tuesday nights might also be used.

A. A. A. BREVITIES—

The second annual raffle of Christmas turkeys has begun with the sale of tickets. Cakes and geese and other good prizes are on the list.

Harry Thomas and Fred Sterling are the committee for the annual Boxing Day dance. They think the dance will be the best of the season. It is being put on to swell the Elks' Christmas Cheer Fund.

Suggestion of a five-mile cross-country race was mentioned at the executive meeting Thursday night by Jim Roberts. It will probably be held in connection with the May Day celebration.

The regular meeting on the second Monday of the month will be cancelled for December because of holiday activity.

P.S.H.S. NOTES

A fast and furious basketball game was held in the auditorium Wednesday at noon (Nov. 22), the teachers vs. Senior Matric. Hot dogs were sold at the door by the Boys' League. The game ended 13-all.

Elections have been held for the presidencies of the Boys' and Girls' Leagues, results being Audrey Kerr heading the girls and Walter Ross, the boys.

The Students' Council has been working overtime in order to complete plans for their first dance of the term, to be held at Matsqui on Dec. 8.

FASHION SHOW

Thursday, Dec. 14 is a big day at the High School, when Grade 10 and 11 girls, under Miss Latten, are holding a fashion show in the auditorium. Wool dresses, jumpers, skirts and suits are being modelled. The show is to be from 1:30 to 3. Mothers and friends of the girls are invited to attend the show. A small admission charge will be made, and tea will be served by the girls.

ADD P.S.H.S.

Guest (overdue in parting): Well good night. I trust I haven't kept you out of bed." Host: "Oh, not at all. We should have been getting up very soon anyhow."

Brown: "What will you give me for my daughter's piano?" Neighbor: "I'll give you \$3 a cord for it, sawn, split and delivered in my woodshed."

ABBOTSFORD TAKES CHILLIWACK 4-2 IN SOCCER FIXTURE

Having held Chilliwack scoreless until well into the second half of Sunday's soccer game on Jubilee grounds, Abbotsford allowed the opposition to score on a free-kick from outside the penalty area, which was followed by one more field goal. Score at the end of the first half was 2-0 for Abbotsford, Blacklock and Scott tallying. In the second half Waterston scored twice before Chilliwack replied.

Toward the end of the game, play was rough and resulted in Blacklock, Abbotsford, and Brown of Chilliwack being suspended for the balance of the contest.

Abbotsford, the team that loses one then wins one, meets Mission on Jubilee grounds this Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

SPORTS SHEET MOOTED FOR A. & D. A. A.

An idea is in the wind to publish a small newspaper as the official organ of the Abbotsford & District Amateur Athletic Association, and was brought before the executive meeting of that body on Thursday night. The paper, a three-column, four-page tabloid, will be free to association members and available to others at 1c a copy. Name of the publication has not been decided and suggestions are invited. To be issued monthly from presses of THE NEWS, the publication will carry the news of association activities and events, personal news and "sports-itorials". If the idea is carried out, publication will commence at the first of the new year.

TENNIS CLUB WILL NOT AFFILIATE WITH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

With a mind to disagreements and misunderstandings between the C.F.V. Tennis Club and the Abbotsford Athletic Association in the past, Mrs. E. Trethewey appeared before the executive of the latter body on Thursday evening and informed the meeting that the tennis club felt affiliation was unwise until a time when the two organizations could reach a co-operative agreement. A. W. "Slim" Webb, tennis backer, suggested a court might be rented to the association on certain days of the week. When and if the idea is followed up, the tennis club will offer a definite proposition to the athletic body.

H. S. Andrews, president, informed Mrs. Trethewey he was quite sure the Athletic Association would help in any way it could to aid the tennis club.

150 Players In Tourney At Matsqui

As a prelude to the Christmas season the Pro Recs would enjoy the pleasure of your company at their Open Houses, held at Aldergrove on Dec. 6, Mission on Dec. 7, Mt. Lehman on Dec. 8, Cloverdale on Dec. 11, Peardonville on Dec. 12, County Line on Dec. 13, Willoughby on Dec. 14 and Abbotsford on Dec. 15. The new Pro Rec films will be shown, and a demonstration of various Pro Rec activities will be given.

New classes will be formed in all centres and a course of Keep Fit Exercises, tumbling, vaulting and dancing will be offered, extending through January, February and March. In these critical times we must be prepared to do our part, and the best preparation is by keeping fit. The best way of keeping fit is to join a Provincial Recreation Centre.

Strong men are invited to join Cloverdale on Monday and Thursday, Matsqui on Tuesday, Aldergrove on Wednesday, for boxing and weight-lifting.

The Mt. Lehman leaders' class is still going strong, as far as the men are concerned. Visitors from several other centres augmented the class. The boys will give a display of parallel bar work at Mt. Lehman on Dec. 8, and at Abbotsford on Dec. 15.

The Older Men's class at Mission is steadily growing, and all persons over 25 years are invited to attend.

The basketball tournament at Matsqui last Thursday evening was a great success. Fourteen boys' and girls' teams from Chilliwack, Dewdney, Pitt Meadows, Mission, Matsqui, Abbotsford, Aldergrove, and Bradner were represented. Taking part were 150 players and 150 spectators were present. Dewdney defeated Chilliwack 3-1, in the girls' final. Pitt Meadows defeated Matsqui 6-4 in the men's final.

MOUNTED GAME BIRDS ON DISPLAY AT CLUB MEETING

When Ogden Kemprud is presented with first prize for bagging the longest pheasant this season at the monthly meeting of Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club on Monday, Dec. 11, the long-tail which won the trophy will be on display. It will be one of a number of mounted birds to be exhibited at the meeting by Richard Plaxton, amateur taxidermist of Poplar. The meeting is in the Ridgedale hall at 8 p.m. There will be a speaker and lunch.

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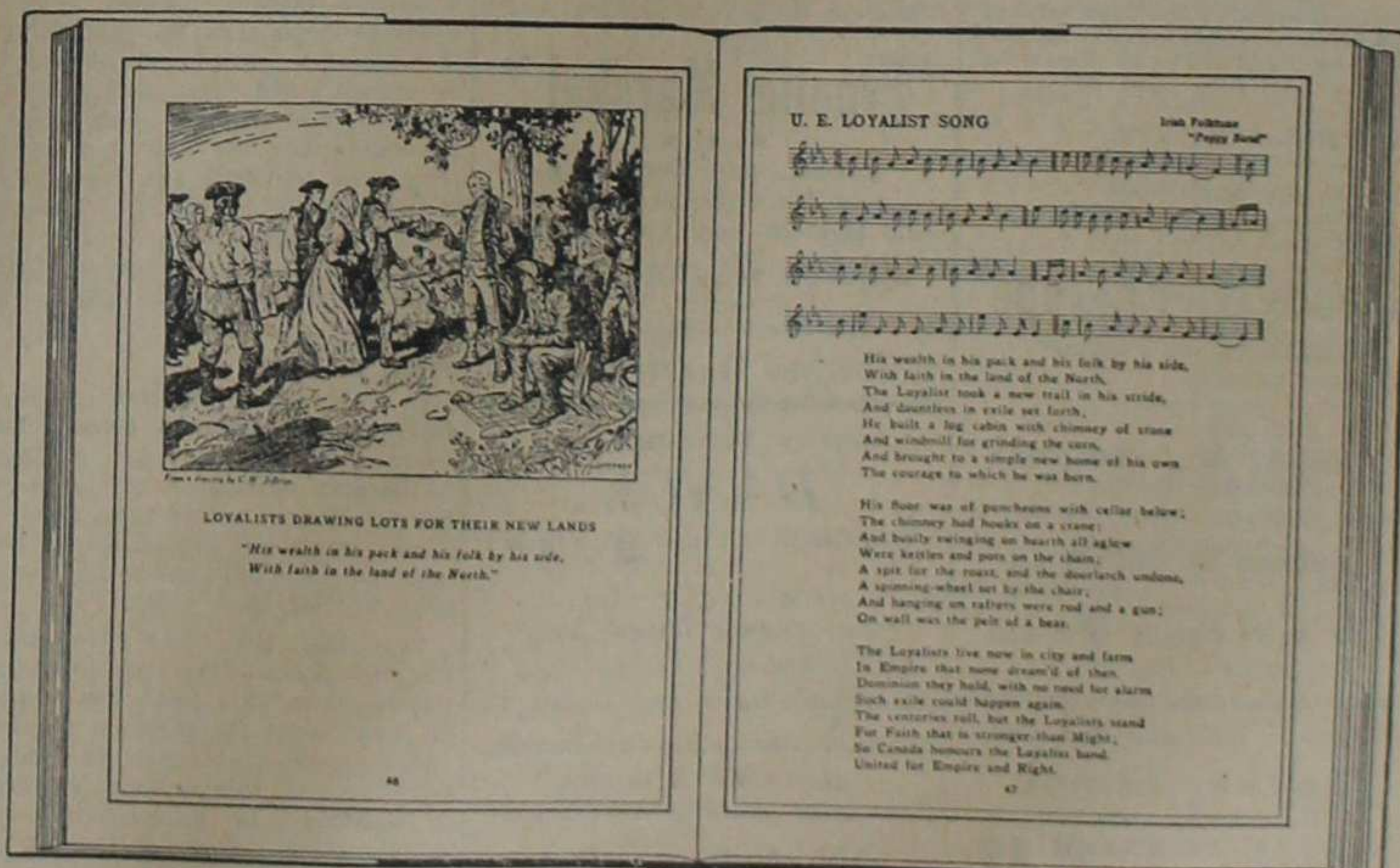
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J. M. GIBBON

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Matsqui Reeve Thanks, Warns Councillors

ENJOYED FULL SUPPORT
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Reeve George Cruickshank expressed his appreciation of the full co-operation he had received from the members of the Matsqui municipal council and staff during the past year, at the council session Saturday, the last regular meeting before the elections. He had been reeve nine years, Mr. Cruickshank said, and it was the first time he had had the full support of every member of the council. "The council," he said, "has been fair with me and has done the best it could with the money available. A lot of permanent work has been accomplished."

The reeve wished the members of the council luck in the forthcoming election but warned them 1940 would probably be the worst year Matsqui ever had. Much would depend on the adjustment of education costs; he had one hope in this regard which he promised to reveal "at the right time". If this failed it might well be, he said, the last year Matsqui will function as a municipality; he feared the worst under administration of a commissioner.

In thanking the staff for its co-operation, Reeve Cruickshank pointed out that there is hardly a night when the members do not take work home with them. Their duties had been exceptionally heavy during the year partly on account of constant changes in government relief system and due to the re-assessment of improvements in the municipality. Few ratepayers, the reeve said, realize the work required of the staff.

Members of the council thanked the reeve for his statement and, apparently endorsing the statement of Coun. Scott who said he considered it a duty to run again, indicated to the representative of THE NEWS they each would stand for re-election. Reeve Cruickshank said the municipality had been good to him for nine years and he was standing as he did not wish it to appear he was running out at such time. He was, however, critical in view of recent actions by Russia, of the source of efforts he alleged were being made to ensure opposition to his re-election.

REEVE CRUICKSHANK

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Abbotsford, Huntingdon, Twp. 20", he contended, could not function as a school district if Matsqui and Sumas pulled out as it had only 130 pupils. Parents would have to send children to Vancouver at a greater cost, therefore, Matsqui should insist they pay a larger share per pupil cost than Matsqui.

The reeve also alleged there was a scheme afoot to impose a personal property tax on everything the farmers owned and declared as things stood there would be a 5 1/2-mill tax increase next year. He contended the 1940 estimates were only tentative and "certainly would not be lowered". Money placed in last estimates for an additional bus, he charged, had gone to pay increased salaries to teachers.

FIRE ALARMS

In reference to an item for fire alarm in Mt. Lehman school, the reeve declared, "they are putting in burglar alarms in the schools but you cannot afford these things. I will send, if necessary, relief men to ring bells and you will pay only 20% of their cost".

Last year, the reeve contended, the estimates were "deliberately withheld" so this year the council had asked for them a month ago by registered letter. In reference to new schools and repairs to buildings, he declared several municipalities were getting 40% grants from the government.

The council disagreed, the reeve said, with Mr. Towell on the latter's figures, contending they were based on area averages rather than Matsqui's own former costs. (The reeve and Mr. Towell later compared figures during question period, as reported elsewhere.)

To a questioner who asked if it was fair Matsqui should pay for 400 or more children that had come to the municipality, the reeve replied the government should take over the entire cost of education.

HEALTH SERVICE

From schools, Reeve Cruickshank diverted briefly to libraries and health service. The council, he said, had no quarrel with the Health Service; he personally, was in favor of it. He had asked Dr. Weir, provincial minister, however, "if and when we will be asked to pay a share of the cost and if we will have opportunity to vote on

TOWELL AT MATSQUI

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on the local taxpayers during the three-year period. Even though an unexpected influx of population had occurred in Matsqui, the government had kept its promise and school costs had not gone up in the period. He observed that the entire increase of school poulation had occurred in Matsqui and there was basis for Sumas' contention that Sumas municipality had contributed at least a little toward the cost of educating the Matsqui pupils.

Costs had been increased when the guarantee period ended, 1939, but as the extra pupils, some 450, were all in Matsqui the tax increase had nothing to do with Matsqui being in the area—Matsqui would have had to pay the cost of their education in any event. In fact, Matsqui had been saved this extra cost for a year or more due to the guarantee.

FORMER SYSTEM COLLAPSED

The increase to Matsqui in school costs in 1940 would be about the same as last year. This, Mr. Towell said, would bring the per-pupil cost up to \$29.80 or about a shade more than in the 1932-35 period at the end of which the old system collapsed. The speaker expressed the opinion his audience would agree that "if we can maintain the present standard for only a dollar or two more per pupil over the old system which collapsed, we are doing pretty good". Honest and capable men endeavored to carry on the former system. They stretched every dollar to the limit so "I do not think," said Mr. Towell, "anyone could expect to continue your present standard at less than the cost of the former system which collapsed." The cost could not possibly be cut to less than \$25 per pupil and 400 extra pupils would thus equal an extra \$10,000; and, the speaker observed, the increase is nearer 500 pupils.

ANSWERS QUESTIONS

In answer to a question, Mr. Towell said liability insurance was carried against the possibility of an accident to any of the 1800 pupils in the 16 schools which could be held the fault of the authorities. The premium was \$500 for three years while suits for damages were usually large sums such as \$10,000. In answer to another query, he said it would be impossible to figure the actual cost of educating the pupils of each district; the costs were pooled and each district paid in proportion to the number of pupils it sent to the schools. This worked out more cheaply than any one of the three could operate separately. If the schools reverted to the former system the result would be like jumping from the frying pan into the fire, it would cost each district more. All 3 districts have gained by the Area system, but admittedly Sumas and Abbotsford had gained more.

Cost of the night school courses was paid by the government grant and the fees of those taking the courses, there was no cost to the Area, Mr. Towell told another questioner.

Asked if anything in the curriculum could be done away with to reduce costs, Mr. Towell replied it was only a coincidence the curriculum in B.C. schools changed about the same time as did the school administration here. If the area reverted the school boards would still have to operate the present curriculum.

MATSQUI COSTS

Mr. Towell said Reeve Cruickshank had implied that the estimates submitted for 1940 were subject to further increase. Mr. Towell declared this was not correct.

On the question of his figures of former costs being averages for the three former school districts, Mr. Towell also made comparison with those for Matsqui alone. These showed Matsqui costs to have been, per pupil per year: 1930, \$37.60; 1931, 35.83; 1932, \$29.88; 1933, \$21.46; 1934, \$28.18; 1935, \$17.71, in which year the trustees declared it impossible to carry on without an additional \$12,000, and the system collapsed. These compared with Area costs of: 1936, \$21.49; 1937, \$21.43; 1938, \$16.28; 1939, \$23.83; and 1940, almost \$29.

In connection with the Library Service, he pointed out that in Langley they were taking advantage of the fact that 10% of the taxpayers can petition for a plebiscite on its continuance. If this vote went against the library it would, he said, automatically increase Matsqui costs, and similarly costs in other districts which are served.

The reeve regretted the small attendance at the meeting, declaring the importance of the matters discussed was emphasized by the presence of the entire council. About 50 attended.

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Kitchen Craft 98-lbs. **\$2.95**
 49-lbs. **\$1.50**

Harvest Blossom 98-lbs. **\$2.75**
 49-lbs. **\$1.40**

TEAS
 Malkin's Best — lb. 54c
 Highway — — lb. 4jc
 COFFEES
 Empress — — lb. 49c
 Highway, frsh grd, lb. 29c

Tomatoes, Libby's 2 1/2's, 2 tins 25c
 Green Beans, R. City . . . 2 tins 25c
 Peas, 5's, Royal City . . . 2 tins 25c
 Corn, R. City Bantam, . . 2 tins 19c
 Pumpkin, R. City, 16-oz., 3 tins 25c
 Kraut, Aylmer, 2 1/2's, . . 2 tins 25c
 Shrimps, Wet or Dry . . . 2 tins 29c
 Salmon, Red Breast, 1/2's, 2 tins 25c
 Irish Stew, Aylmer 2 tins 27c
 Meats Balls & Spaghetti, 2 tins 19c
 Peaches, Berryland, 2 tins 25c
 Pears, Maple Leaf 2 tins 21c

Quaker
 Catsup
 2's tall
 3 tins **25c**

Maple
 Pickles
 large 26-oz.
 JAR **23c**

Creamettes
 Macaroni
 3 pkts **25c**

Sunlight Soap 3 bars **19c**
 Woodbury's Facial Soap 3 cks **23c**
 JUMBO Floating Carbolic 3 bars **11c**

In Our Meat Department

SHOULDER ROASTS PORK lb. 17c
 LEAN PORK CHOPS lb. 23c

1 lb. LIVER Both for 25c
 1/2 lb. BACON

TENDER BLADE ROASTS lb. 13c
 LEAN PLATE BEEF lb. 10c

FRESH BEEF DRIPPING—
 with 25c meat purchase 3 lbs 25c

SMOKED JOWL BACON lb. 18c
 TENDER COTTAGE ROLLS, half or whole . . . lb. 27c

We carry a full line of smoked and fresh fish, tripe, mincemeat, etc.

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